

FROM THE AURORA.
DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES

We observe, by the public prints, that the spirit of manufacturing begins to pervade every section of the country—persons of all classes, and of all parties, no longer deem it disgraceful to appear in what has been called homespun, because that very homespun is already equal in fineness and appearance, and superior in durability, to any imported article of the same description. This practice, which we are happy to find has begun to prevail in many places, of publishing an account of the different kinds of manufactories established, and the quantity produced, will, we doubt not, produce the most beneficial effects, as well to the manufacturer as to the public at large—because by this means, manufactories which are hardly heard of beyond their respective neighborhoods, will, by becoming more extensively known, receive more general encouragement. We are convinced that very many articles are manufactured in this country in imitation of English, and sold as such, without the least suspicion on the part of the purchaser.—This serves to confirm many in the idea that we are still dependent on Britain; these are, consequently, loud in their depreciation of restrictive measures against her, lest the supplies of these very articles which we ourselves manufacture, may be cut off—whilst such persons, were they aware of the real facts, and made sensible that their personal interests were secure, would join the country and the government in every measure necessary for distressing and humiliating the enemy: it is the duty of the public prints to bring about this result, so far as their information extends.

It is well known that manufactories of almost every article essential to our wants and comforts, have been for a length of time established in and about this city—the products of these manufactories have, beyond doubt, arrived to as great a degree of perfection as any of a similar nature in the U. S. and whilst some exceed, others bid fair to rival those of foreign countries. Amongst those which have become pre-eminent in their kinds, we notice with much pleasure the MANUFACTORY OF FLOOR CLOTHS, near the Centre Square in this city. This manufacture, in common with the others, has had to contend with that fancied superiority which has been awarded to every thing British, and that absurd prejudice which has existed against every thing not British—and also with the mean and malignant efforts of jealousy and envy.* It has, however, triumphed over every difficulty. Its proprietor, Mr. Macaulay, (with the view of imparting to his floor cloths that degree of age and seasoning which were the only advantages the English manufacture had) has enlarged the building to treble its former dimensions, covering at present a space of about 160 by from 20 to 30 feet—which enables him to hang up, in vast sheets, a variety of cloths, each of which are sufficiently large to cover the floor of any room in Philadelphia, and what shews the great degree of perfection to which this art has arrived, these floor cloths are all without seam, and can be made to fit recesses of any shape or form—the coloring is of the most vivid and brilliant hues—the patterns are the most diversified and splendid—and the cloths of such consistence, texture, and firmness, (but with the proper degree of flexibility) as would seem to assure the purchaser that he need never be under the necessity of obtaining another for the same floor.

These things we are enabled to state from personal observation—we have seen specimens of floor cloth, manufactured in other places, but in no manner to compare with these in any of the requisites necessary either for the preservation of the coloring or the durability of the cloth, and quite inferior in the manufacture—such inferior cloths may have left an impression in the minds of persons who have seen no other kinds, unfavorable to American manufactured floor cloths generally—but we undertake to say, that as nothing was wanting to render this manufacture complete, except the *seasoning* of the work; so now that this inconvenience is removed by the erection of additional buildings to the manufacture, the Floor Cloths manufactured by Mr. Macaulay, are decidedly superior in every point of view, to the English, or to any other that we have seen.

Mr. Macaulay also manufactures carpeting from cotton and wool, agreeably to any pattern required, equal in appearance to that imported, and far superior in strength and durability.

The manufactory was clandestinely entered a few months ago, and several of the largest pieces of floor cloth, which were in a state of preparation for finishing, were maliciously cut in different directions, by some sharp edged instrument, and rendered almost entirely useless. Notwithstanding the proprietor offered a large reward for the apprehension of the perpetrator, he has not yet been discovered.

A letter from Plattsburg to the editor states, that is unquestionably true that "the arrest of general Hampton was ordered by the commander in chief"—that the letter adds "it is asserted among the officers of the army, that general Hampton had sent his RESIGNATION."

AURORA.

The old revolutionary term of TORIES has been superseded by one more significant—they are now known by the name of BLUE-LIGHTS—which has had its origin in the same country as the BLUE LIGHS.—¹²

OFFICIAL LETTERS:

Copy of a letter from General McClure, of the New-York State Troops, to the Secretary of War.

Head-quarters, BUFFALO,

December 22d, 1813

Sir—I regret to be under the necessity of announcing to you the mortifying intelligence of the loss of Fort Niagara. On the morning of the 19th inst. about 4 o'clock, the enemy crossed the river at the Five-mile Meadows in great force, consisting of regulars and Indians, who made their way undiscovered to the garrison, which from the most correct information I can collect, was completely surprised—Our men were nearly all asleep in their tents; the enemy rushed in and commenced a most horrid slaughter. Such as escaped the fury of the first onset, retired to the old mess-house, where they kept up a destructive fire on the enemy, until a want of ammunition compelled them to surrender. Although our force was very inferior and comparatively small indeed, I am induced to think that the disaster is not attributable to any want of troops, but to gross neglect in the commanding officer of the fort, capt. Leonard, not preparing, being ready, and looking out for the expected attack.

I have not been able to ascertain correctly the number of killed and wounded. About twenty regulars have escaped out of the fort—some badly wounded. Lt. Peek, of the 24th regt. is killed, and it is said three others.

You will perceive, sir, by the enclosed general orders, that I apprehended an attack, and made the necessary arrangements to meet it, but have reason to believe, from information received by those who made their escape, that the commandant did not, in any respect, comply with those orders.

On the same morning a detachment of militia under Major Bennett, stationed at Lewiston Heights, was attacked by a party of savages; but the major and his little corps, by making a desperate charge, effected their retreat, after being surrounded by several hundred, with the loss of six or eight, who doubtless were killed; among whom were two sons of Capt. Jones, Indian interpreter. The villages of Youngstown, Lewiston, Manchester, and the Indian Tuscarora village, were reduced to ashes, and the innocent inhabitants who could not escape, were, without regard to age or sex, inhumanly butchered by savages headed by British officers painted. A British officer who was taken prisoner, avows that many small children were murdered by the Indians. Major Mallory, who was stationed at Schlosser, with about 40 Canadian volunteers, advanced to Lewiston Heights, & compelled the advanced guard of the enemy to fall back to the foot of the mountain. The major is a meritorious officer—he fought the enemy two days, and contended every inch of ground to the Taunton creek. In these actions Lt. Lowe, 23d regt. U. S. army, and 8 of the Canadian volunteers were killed. I had myself, three days previous to the attack on the Niagara, left it with a view of providing for the defence of this place, Black Rock, and the other villages on this frontier. I came here without troops, and have called out the militia of Genesee, Niagara and Chautauque counties en masse.

This place was then thought to be in most imminent danger, as well as the shipping, but I have no doubt, is now perfectly secure. Volunteers are coming in great numbers, they are, however, a species of troops that cannot be expected to continue in service for a long time. In a few days, one thousand detached militia, lately drafted, will be on.

I have the honor to be, &c
GEO: MCCLURE,
Brig. Gen. Command.
Hon. JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Secretary of War.

Extract of a second letter from General McClure to the secretary at War.

BATAVIA, December 25, 1813.
It is a notorious fact that the night on which fort Niagara was captured, captain Leonard left the fort about 11 o'clock, P. M. I am assured that he has given himself up to the enemy and that he and his family are now on the Canada side of the Strait."

Extract of a letter from a gentleman at Pensacola—communicated by General Flournoy to the Secretary at War.

PENSACOLA, Nov. 21, 1813.

"I write you at present because I do not where to address my father; I have therefore to request of you the favor to write to him, let him be where he may, and inform him that this port is at present blockaded by two ships, four brigs and three schooners, which have taken without discrimination or regard to either the United States, Spanish or French flag, one French privateer, two American and four Spanish schooners, within the last four and twenty hours; that they have informed the Governor of this place, that their orders are to interdict every species of intercourse between this port and any to the westward of it on our coast. That they, if he would permit, will send forthwith two regiments of black troops to defend the town against the Americans, who they understand are preparing to attempt the capture of it, *vis et armis*, and to act in concert with those Indians of the war party—*Apropos*: The Indians under the Big-Warrior have defeated the rebels in a general engagement; many of the latter have fled to, and are now in this place for refuge. They have however waylaid the road, between this and Mobile, and rendered the use of it very precarious. If my father should be with you yet, do not fail to give him the earliest notice of that fact. Should he be gone to Bayou Sara, write to New-Orleans and to that place, stating, that there encamped within two miles of this place one hundred and fifty Indians, who some believe are arrived for the purpose of acting in concert with the British, and the black and red allies. That upon no consideration he must attempt to bring the citizens here—that those vessels suffer no others to pass to or from hence to New-Orleans, and that it will be impossible to bring them to Pensacola."

FROM THE ENEMY.

Adjutant General's Office,

Head-quarters, Montreal, Dec. 12, 1813.

GENERAL ORDER.

"His Excellency, the Governor in Chief and commander of the forces, has to ap-

peal to the troops under his command, that he has received a communication from Major Gen. Wilkinson, commanding a division of the army of the United States of America, by order of his government, of which the following is an extract:

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It would be superfluous to use any argument to refute an assumption so extravagant, unjust, and unprecedented as to deny the right of a free nation to bring to legal trial, in a due course of law, her own natural-born subjects taken in the actual commission of the most heinous offence that man can commit against his king, his country, and his God—that of raising his patricidal arm against his allegiance to his countrymen, by leaguing with their enemies—a crime held in such abhorrence by every civilized nation in Europe, that summary death by the law martial is its avowed reward, and is inflicted with unrelenting severity by France, the ally of the U. S. This pretension must appear to every unprejudiced & upright mind as iniquitous and unjust, as is the retaliation which the government of the U. S. has adopted by placing in close confinement three and twenty British soldiers, as hostages for an equal number of infamous wretches, the unworthy offspring of G. Britain; who, when drawn from the ranks of the enemy, solicited to expiate their treason by turning their arms against their recent employers. These rebels have (with the contempt they merit) been consigned to the infamy and punishment that awaits them from the just laws of their offended country; while the government of the U. S. does not blush to claim these outcast traitors as their own, an outrage on the customs of civilized war in the persons of honorable men, by placing them on a par with rebels and deserters.

No alternative remains to the commander of the forces, in the discharge of his duty to his king, his country, and his fellow soldiers, but to order all the American officers, prisoners of war, without exception of rank, to be immediately placed in close confinement, as hostages for the 46 British officers so confined, by the express command of the supreme authority in that country, until the number of 46 be completed, over and above those now in confinement.

His Excellency directs that this General Order, together with that issued on the 27th October, be read to the troops, that the British soldier may be sensible of the terms on which America has determined to wage this war; confident that he will meet them with proper spirit & indignation; for should he become the prisoner of a foe so regardless of those laws, which for ages have governed civilized nations in war, he would be doomed to a rigorous confinement, and that perhaps only preparatory to a more savage scene.

(Sine d) EDWARD BAYNES.

Adj. Gen. B. N. A.

CONGRESS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

POST OFFICE PATRONAGE.

Mr. Ingersoll, of Penn said, he rose to submit a resolution, which he trusted would be generally acceptable; because it was intended, and he believed, calculated, to correct one of the most unwarrantable abuses that pervades and violates the principles of the federal constitution. I mean, said Mr. I. resolution for inquiring into the expediency of amending the laws now in force for the regulation of the General Post Office Establishment as shall render appointments under that establishment more conformable than they are at present to the provisions existing for other appointments under the government. It has always been an objection urged by many respectable individuals against the constitution of the United States, from the time of its adoption down to this moment, that the executive chief magistrate is entrenched behind too formidable a barrier of patronage and influence. Yet that officer can make hardly an appointment without submitting the nomination to an ordeal in the Senate; an ordeal well known to be of the most trying kind—for very recently it would occur to every body that, after being tested in the Senatorial crucible, some distinguished individuals not answering the assay, had been rejected as found wanting and thrown back upon the president. The war department cannot make an officer, from a major general to a cornet, without the intervention of the senate. Nor can the navy department. Within a few years an honorable member now in his place in the Senate, had, very meritoriously, introduced and carried into operation a provision for depriving the Secretary of the Navy of the privilege of appointing pursers at his will without the necessity of a senatorial supervision.

If, then, sir, said Mr. I. neither the President nor any one of the Executive Secretaries enjoys such a field of irresponsible patronage, I submit it to every man attached to the principles of the constitution, to consider whether the head of the general post office should be allowed, without control, without appeal, without question, to command the services of a band of agents consisting, unless I am incorrectly informed, of not less than three thousand individuals distributed throughout the territories of this extensive continent. The rotation in office is not a principle embodied in the constitution, yet it is well known

to be held so sacred by many that certain eminent personages had deemed it becoming them to afford it all the illustration in their power, by consecrating it in practice and example—Now, sir, it is not the least alarming feature of the abuse I complain of, that the gentleman at this time presiding over the general post office establishment has remained at that post during a long period of years, I cannot say exactly how long, but I believe during nearly four several presidential terms of office; during all which period the number of his subalterns have been increasing until they have reached three thousand persons, who, under another head of this department and another order of things, might be planted as the worst of emissaries for the worst of purposes, over the United States of America. I am not now prepared to say, and I desire it to be distinctly understood, that I do not mean to say, that this great trust has been abused in practice by the present post master general; though I cannot deny myself leave to remark, that if no abuses have taken place, it is a proof that that gentleman is a purer one than I ever knew, or heard or read of. This patronage extends not merely to the uncontrolled appointment of inferior deputies. He has moreover within his gift places which, in that particular unfortunately too seductive, that is, in point of emolument, are better worth having than any one of the honorable stations occupied by the secretaries immediately about the person, and in the cabinet of the executive. While, therefore, I disown any view to impeach the general post office in culpability at present, I cannot help apprehending that other masters and other times may come, when honorable senators or other elevated men may be diverted, perverted possibly, from their duties, by hopes allowed to be entertained that a post master may be prevailed on to translate them from their public places to others of less dignity but more emolument. It does appear to me that unless some remedy be applied to this evil, and that without delay, we are in danger of a new order of Jesuits, in this country, with an unlimited general at their head, to dictate his orders, and enforce them, under all the pains and penalties of removal from their deputations. All I require is, that the post office establishment should be put on the footing of all the other departments of the general government, that this should be done as soon as possible, and that an effectual remedy should be applied to this great and dangerous evil. With these views, and the object which he had avowed, Mr. I. offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of revising the laws regulating the general post office establishment of the U. S., and of so amending them as to render them more conformable than they are at present to the principles of the constitution, as regards the appointments to office under that establishment.

AN APPROPRIATION BILL.

The bill which passed this house the other day, making an appropriation of a million and a half on account of the military establishment, was returned from the senate with an amendment appropriating a million of dollars towards the expenses of the naval department for 1814. This amendment passed through a committee of the whole, Mr. Moore of Md. in the chair, where it was shortly debated, and was reported to the house; when,

On the question to concur in the amendment, a sharp, but we cannot say very pointed, debate arose. It commenced with Mr. Pitkin's objection to the appropriation, because the annual estimates were not before the House, and ended in a contest whether the federal or republican party were the greatest friends to an efficient navy. As we have not room for the debate, which was principally a repetition of what has been said by the newspapers on the latter point, we content ourselves with stating the speakers' names, as they succeeded each other, and the sides they occupied.

Mr. Pitkin, of Con. led the way, opposing the bill on the principle before stated. Mr. Eppes of Va. quoted usage and precedent in reply, aided by Mr. McKim, of Md. Mr. Mason, of N. C. expressed his regret at the dilemma in which he conceived the house to be placed by not having the usual estimates before them. The yeas and nays being called for, Mr. Eppes expressed his satisfaction at the call, because they would shew, he said, who was or who was not disposed to support our gallant navy. To this insinuation, Mr. Sheffey, of Va. Mr. Webster, of N. H. and Mr. Pitkin, of Con. replied with some temper, as imputing hostility to the navy their opposition to the bill before them, which they declared to proceed entirely from their regard to the constitution, which, confiding to this house the purse strings of the nation, required them rigidly to guard the accountability of public officers; they declared themselves zealous and old friends of the navy. Mr. Culpepper of N. C. explained his vote for the bill, because he did not feel at liberty to withhold support from those already engaged in the public service. Mr. Alston, of S. C. Car. Mr. Wright, of Md. and Mr. Roberts, of Pa. seemed to think Mr. Eppes' ideas not so erroneous as those gentlemen above contended, inasmuch as those gentlemen had heretofore one and all voted against making loans and laying taxes, by which alone the navy could be supported, and it was not doubted but they would do so again; the less doubted, because it had been openly declared from that side of the house that the only way to arrest the war, was by a combination to withhold supplies from and prevent loans to the government.

The question being at length taken by Yeas and Nays, the vote stood thus:

For the Senate's amendment 95

Against it 52

So it was concurred in.

Wednesday, January 5.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The following resolution was yesterday laid on the table by Mr. Jackson of Virginia

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, each of which, when ratified by three fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as a part of said Constitution:

1. Congress shall have power to lay a tax or duty not exceeding _____ per centum ad valorem on articles exported from any state.

2. Congress shall have power to make roads in any state.

3. Congress shall have power to make canals in any state, with the consent of the state in which the same shall be made.

4. Congress shall have power to establish a national bank with branches thereof in any state.

Thursday, January 6.

LIEUTENANT GENERAL PROPOSED

Mr. Mumford of N. C. offered for consideration the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee of Military

Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of empowering by law the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one Lieutenant General to command the armies of the U. States, with such powers and emoluments as may be deemed expedient.

[The following statement of public lands is extracted from the report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office.]

It appears from public documents in this department, that the U. States, after deducting all that has been sold, and leaving a sufficiency to satisfy every lawful claim, will possess a national domain of at least four hundred million acres of land, embracing a variety of soil and climate, capable of furnishing all that is necessary for supplying the wants, and affording most of the luxuries of life to man, and which, if properly managed, will secure auxiliary aids to the government for ages yet to come.

This four hundred million of acres are situated as follows:

In the state of Ohio.

Lands to which the Indian title has been extinguished 6,725,000

Lands to which the Indian title has not been extinguished 5,575,000

KENTUCKY GAZETTE.

"True to his charge—
He comes, the Herald of a noisy world;
News from all nations, tumbling at his back."

LEXINGTON,
MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 24, 1814.

THE NEGOCIATION.

The proposition for negociation, by the British, which has been so readily accepted by our government, has given rise to much speculation—as to the conclusion or continuation of the war. At this period of suspense and anxiety, it may not be uninteresting to make an impartial enquiry into this interesting concern.

The history of England for centuries past, as well as the evidence of our own times, prove her government to be proud, haughty, and domineering. The political circumstances of England make it necessary to her consequence, that her government should monopolize by plunder or otherwise, the wealth of other nations. If she were to pursue an honest policy, it would reduce her to an inconsiderable power.

If our idea of the character and circumstances of England be correct, it follows, that that government will continue the same system of plunder and monopoly of robbing and massacre, which she has for so many years past, as the only mean by which she can maintain her "maritime rights"—and that she will never abandon this system, or suspend its operation, unless overpowered, or unless it be *hostile* to except particular cases.—

Why the British should exempt the U. States from the operation of her system, it would be difficult to say. Our commercial importance, which England views with the utmost jealousy, upon peace, would resume its former character. The contempt in which the royal family have always held these States since their independence, is said to be bounded neither by reason nor policy. These circumstances, joined to the naval character we have obtained during the war, which it is necessary for British greatness should be effaced—seem to form good reasons why they will not except from the operation of their maritime system, the U. States.

The late speech of the Prince Regent appears as decisive as to the course his government intends pursuing toward us, as a public document of its nature can be. Speaking of the United States, he says, "I am at all times ready to enter into discussions with that government for a conciliatory adjustment of the differences between the two countries, upon principles of perfect reciprocity, not inconsistent with the established maxims of public law, and with the maritime rights of the British empire."

All know what the British considered as their "maritime rights," previous to the war—that they consisted in impressing our seamen and plundering our property, where ever she chose to take either. These grievances are the principal causes of the war. To shew that the British ministry still maintain the same principles as to British maritime rights, we refer to the following quotation from the same speech. Speaking of the war between this country and that, the Prince Regent further observes, "It is known to the world that this country was not the aggressor in this war." If impressment and plunder is not aggression, according to the Prince Regent, they must be consistent with the "maritime rights" of his kingdom—which he asserts, will never be abandoned.

Upon every view of the subject we are inclined to think, that the only objects of the offer of negociation were, to throw us off our guard—to unnerve the energies of our government—that they might profit. This game the British frequently played during our revolution.

We are happy to learn, that this measure, so far from having the effect most probably intended, will operate differently—Congress are now taking efficient means to raise an efficient army.

Every mail from Washington, we have expected to hear something on the subject of Florida. But there still remains a dead silence concerning it. May it not be that a law has passed in conclave authorising the President to occupy it?

Or can it be possible that the mission of Don O'ons, the British Spy has defeated this measure?—No, the western and southern members could not receive the pay of their constituents to guard their interests and remain silent, and see them thus bartered away—nor would Mr. Madison sanction such a crooked policy.

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tired of so many pretty speeches and fair sayings. The Kentuckians at least expect their representatives to act.

The Court Martial for the trial of Gen. Hull met at the time appointed at Albany—there being but a few witnesses present, they adjourned until the 12th inst.

The British and Indians, it seems have completed their work of murder and devastation on the Niagara frontier—after which they recrossed to the Canadian shore.

Those persons who wish to encourage the Sardinian edition of Mr. Drayton's most profoundly sublime letter, will leave their names at the Coffee-House, in Lexington, where subscribers will be received the whole of the ensuing week. To prevent monopoly, no person can take more than five copies.

CAPTAIN LEONARD.

The distressing scenes which have just been acted on the Niagara frontier, it seems are ascribable, in a great measure, to the perfidious treachery of Capt. Leonard, of the artillery, who was accidentally left in command of fort Niagara. It appears from gen. McClure's communication to the War Department, that Leonard has actually gone with his family to the "camp of the enemy."

Leonard has been a long time in the American service, and has always been a notorious British advocate. He is not the only person in our government who advocates British domination, and abuses the very government that him.

The government should be extremely vigilant on this head at this perilous moment.

THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The importance, indeed the necessity, of a mail to run twice a week from this place to New Orleans, must be evident to every person who can appreciate the wealth of the western country, and who knows the close connection in commerce between this country and that city.

The propriety of such an arrangement, attended with so many advantages, I have thought would at some day or other, draw the attention of Mr. GINGER. But I have lately been induced to think, he has forsaken the people of Kentucky—as the mail now runs twice a week to Nashville from New Orleans, without extending to Kentucky.

I would like to know what sin the people of Kentucky have committed, that justifies this neglect of them? I would like also to know of our representatives in congress from this state, whether they give their sanction to this open abandonment of their constituents' interests?

KENTUCKY.

NASHVILLE, JANUARY 10.
The mail from this to Orleans has commenced going twice a week; from this arrangement considerable convenience will be experienced. Could the mail to Kentucky be carried twice a week too the utility of the new arrangement would be proportionably obvious.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT.

It is with sincere regret we discover a treasonous and factious spirit directing itself against the Secretary of War. It proceeds, we have reason to believe, wholly, from a detestable electioneering intrigue, which his enemies have deemed prudent to put in operation against him. Every real American must view the authors and abettors of such baseness with the most profound contempt. For no people with their eyes open, will ever suffer the public interest to be sacrificed at the shrine of faction and intrigue.

Certain false impressions which have lately been attempted on the public mind, with regard to the neglect &c. of the Secretary, are unequivocally refuted, in the article on that subject from the Intelligencer, in this day's Gazette.

We are among those who approved the appointment of general Armstrong as war minister; because we had confidence in his talents, experience, and republican virtues. Until the general evidences a deficiency in these exalted qualities, we shall continue our confidence.

FROM THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCER.

The number of officers filling our towns and cities and public houses at this period, has excited some notice and no small degree of surprise. It has been asked, why at this moment of peril on the lines, so many public servants should be absent from their posts? Having made some enquiry on this head, we are enabled to answer, that on the abrupt and unexpected termination of the campaign during the month of November last, the Secretary of War, who was then at Albany, directed General Wilkinson to consolidate all fragments of Regiments into entire Regiments for the winter, and to despatch all officers not necessary to the command of these, on the recruiting service.

Had this duty been neglected, an outcry would justly and generally have been raised against the government. As it is, they have done their duty, and it remains for the malcontents to say by what means, other than those adopted, it could have been done.

It has also been asked, why captain Leonard, whose conduct and character had been represented as doubtful should have been placed in command of Fort Niagara? To this question we are enabled to answer, that he was not placed there by the War Department;—that this Department removed him from the command of this very post some months past and put in his room major Armstead, of the 3d regt. of artillery, and that he was reinstated without the knowledge of the Department.

When Gen. Wilkinson left fort George, he directed Col. Scott (in case he left it) to assign to the defence of fort Niagara, two companies of Artillery, Leonard's, and Reid's.

Leonard being the elder officer commanded of course.

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promptly given. We understand that General Harrison's powers to call out militia and volunteers to an extent that should make his whole force seven thousand men, were full and entire. Beyond this number, the government did not choose to go, and it has been seen that a much smaller one was competent to the object.

Not instructed by any general return made by general Harrison of the amount of the force collected and collecting from points less distant than Kentucky, at the date of Gov. Shelby's letters, or at the same time of their receipt, and not believing that the Department of War would be long left without such documents, a pause—a necessary pause—was made on the part of the President in directing the reply which should be given to the letters of the governor.

We have noticed these several subjects to prevent the progress of mistakes or misrepresentations in relation to them.

FROM BRITAIN.

The following highly important Message and Documents were on yesterday transmitted by the President of the U. States to both Houses of Congress:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress Assembled.

I transmit for the information of Congress copies of a letter from the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to the Secretary of State, with the answer of the latter.

In appreciating the accepted proposal of the government of Great Britain for instituting negotiations for peace, Congress will not fail to keep in mind that vigorous preparations for carrying on the war can in no respect impede the progress to a favorable result, whilst a relaxation of such preparations, should the wishes of the United States for a speedy restoration of the blessings of peace be disappointed, would necessarily have the most injurious consequences

JAMES MADISON.

January 6, 1814.

Lord Castlereagh to the Secretary of State.

FOREIGN OFFICE, November 4, 1813.

SIR—I have the honor to enclose to you for the information of the President of the United States, copy of a note which his Britannic Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of St. Petersburg was directed to present to the Russian government, as soon as his Royal Highness the Prince Regent was informed that Plenipotentiaries had been nominated on the part of the American government for the purpose of negotiating for peace with Great Britain under the mediation of his Imperial Majesty.

His Lordship having by the last Courier from the Imperial Head Quarters, acquainted me that the American Commissioners now at St. Petersburg have intimated, in reply to this overtur, that they had no objection to a negotiation at London, and were equally desirous, as the British government had declared itself to be, that this business should not be mixed with the affairs of the continent of Europe, but that their powers were limited to negotiate under the mediation of Russia.

Under these circumstances, and in order to avoid an unnecessary continuance of the calamities of war, the Prince Regent commands me to transmit, by a flag of truce, to the American plenipotentiaries of the United States, sent to St. Petersburg, the offer of a Mediation by one power, and the acceptance of it by another, forms a relation between them, the delicacy of which cannot be felt. From the known character however of the Emperor, and the benevolent views with which his mediation was fixed, the President cannot doubt that he will see with satisfaction a concurrence of the United States, in an alternative, which, under existing circumstances, affords the best prospect of obtaining speedily what was the object of his interposition. I am accordingly instructed to make known to your Lordships, for the information of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the President accedes to his proposition, and will take the measures depending on him for carrying it into effect at Gottenburg, with as little delay as possible; it being presumed that His Majesty the King of Sweden, as the friend of both parties, will readily acquiesce in the choice of a place for their pacific negotiations, within his dominions.

In making this communication, I can assure you that the British government is willing to enter into discussion with the government of America for the conciliatory adjustment of the differences subsisting between the two states, with an earnest desire on their part to bring them to a favorable issue, upon principles of perfect reciprocity not inconsistent with the established maxims of public law, and with the maritime rights of the British empire.

The Admiral commanding the British squadron on the American station will be directed to give the necessary protection to any persons proceeding to Europe, on the part of the government of the United States, in furtherance of this overtur; or should the American government have occasion to forward orders to their commissioners at St. Petersburg, to give the requisite facilities, by cartel or otherwise, to the transmission of the same.

I have the honor to be, with the highest consideration, sir, your most obedient servant.

(Signed) CASTLEREAGH.

[ENCLOSURE ALLUDING TO ABOVE]

Translation of a note from Lord Cathcart, to the Count de Nesselrode, dated

TOPPLITZ, 1st September, 1813.

The undersigned ambassador of his Britannic Majesty to the Emperor of all the Russias, desiring to avail himself of the first occasion to renew the subject respecting America, which was brought into discussion in a conference at the moment of departure from Reichenbach, has the honor to address this note to his Excellency the Count de Nesselrode.

Although the Prince Regent, for reasons which have already made known, has not found himself in a situation to accept the mediation of His Imperial Majesty for terminating the discussions with the U. States of America, His Royal Highness desires, nevertheless, to give effect to the beneficial wishes which His Imperial Majesty has expressed of seeing the war between Great Britain and America soon terminated, to the mutual satisfaction of the two governments.

With this view His Royal Highness having learned that the Envoy Plenipotentiary of the United States for negotiating a peace with G. Britain, under the mediation of His Imperial Majesty, have arrived in Russia, notwithstanding that he finds himself under the necessity of not accepting the interposition of any friendly power in the question which forms the principal object in dispute between the two states, he is nevertheless ready to nominate plenipotentiaries to treat directly with the American plenipotentiaries.

His Royal Highness sincerely wishes that the conferences of these plenipotentiaries may result in re-establishing, between the two nations, the blessing and the reciprocal advantages of

If, through the good offices of His Imperial Majesty, this proposition should be accepted, the Prince Regent would prefer that the conferences should be held at London, on account of the facilities which it would give to the discussions.

But if this choice should meet with insuperable obstacles, His Royal Highness would consent to substitute Gottenburg as the place nearest to England.

The undersigned, &c.

(Signed) CATHCART.

The Secretary of State to Lord Castlereagh.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

January 1814.

MR. LORD—I have had the honor to receive by a flag of truce your Lordship's letter of the 4th of Nov last, and a copy of a note which his Britannic Majesty's ambassador at the Legislature of Kentucky were not more

than government on the first of September preceding.

By this communication it appears that his royal highness the Prince Regent rejected the mediation offered by his Imperial Majesty to promote peace between the United States and Great Britain, but proposed to treat directly with the United States at Gottenburg or London, and that he had requested the interposition of the good offices of the Emperor in favor of such an arrangement.

Having laid your Lordship's communication before the President, I am instructed to state, for the information of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the President has seen with regret this new obstacle to the commencement of a negociation for the accommodation of differences between the United States and Great Britain. As the Emperor of Russia was distinguished for his rectitude and impartiality, and was moreover engaged in a war, as an ally of England, whereby it was his interest to promote peace between the United States and Great Britain, the President could not doubt that his Royal Highness the Prince Regent would accept the mediation, which his Imperial Majesty had offered to them. It was the confidence with which the high character of the Emperor inspired the President, that induced him, disregarding considerations, which a more cautious policy might have suggested, to accept the overture with promptitude, and to send ministers to St. Petersburg, to take advantage of it. It would have been very satisfactory to the President, if his Royal Highness the Prince Regent had found it compatible with the views of Great Britain, to adopt a similar measure, as much delay might have been avoided, in accomplishing an object, which it is admitted, is of high importance to both nations.

The course proposed as a substitute for negotiations at St. Petersburg, under the auspices of the Emperor of Russia, could not, I must repeat to your Lordship, have been required for the purpose of keeping the United States unconnected against Great Britain, with any affairs of the Continent. There v as nothing in the proposed mediation tending to such a result. In offering to bring the parties together, not as an umpire, but as a common friend, to discuss and settle their differences and respective claims, in a manner satisfactory to themselves, His Imperial Majesty shewed the interest which he took in the welfare of both nations.

Wherever the United States may treat, they will treat with the sincere desire they have repeatedly manifested, of terminating the present contest with Great Britain on conditions of reciprocity consistent with the rights of both parties, as sovereign and independent nations, and calculated not only to establish present harmony, but to provide, as far as possible, against future collisions which might interrupt it.

Before giving an answer to the proposition communicated by you Lordship, to treat with the United States independently of the Russian Mediation, it would have been agreeable to the President to have heard from the Plenipotentiaries of the United States, sent to St. Petersburg. The offer of a Mediation by one power, and the acceptance of it by another, forms a relation between them, the delicacy of which cannot be felt. From the known character however of the Emperor, and the benevolent views with which his mediation was fixed, the President cannot doubt that he will see with satisfaction a concurrence of the United States, in an alternative, which, under existing circumstances, affords the best prospect of obtaining speedily what was the object of his interposition. I am accordingly instructed to make known to your Lordships, for the information of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, that the President accedes to his proposition, and will take the measures depending on him for carrying it into effect at Gottenburg, with as little delay as possible; it being presumed that His Majesty the King of Sweden, as the friend of both parties, will readily acquiesce in the choice of a place for their pacific negotiations, within his dominions.

The President is duly sensible of the attention of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in giving the orders to the Admiral commanding the British squadron on this coast, which your Lordship has communicated.

I have the honor to be, &c.

JAMES MONROE.

January 22, 1814.

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Fresh and Cheap Goods.

JAMES LEMON

This just received and is now opening at his Store
on Mill street, an elegant assortment of
MERCHANDIZE,

Fit for the present and approaching seasons.

Consisting of

TRY GOODS,
GROCERIES,
HARDWARE & CUTLERY,
QUEENS', GLASS &

TIN WARE,

BRANDY, RUM &

SPIRITS, of every kind, by the barrel,

gallon or quart.

ALSO—a quantity of

BANDY LICK SALT,

PENITENTIARY NAILS, &c. &c.

Which he offers for sale unusually low for

Cash.

He has two rooms above his store, and a kitchen under his comping room—also, a house suitable for a small family, adjoining his dwelling, which he will let, for any number of months.

Lexington, November 1, 1813. 44

HAT-MANUFACTORY.

THE Subscriber having become solely interested in the HATTING BUSINESS, will carry it on as usual at the former stand. He thanks his friends and the public for their encouragement, and assures them his exertions will be used to the utmost for their satisfaction.

SAMUEL P. COCK

Lexington, Dec 6, 1813. 49

BOOTS & SHOES.

L. & G. YOUNG

RETURN their sincere thanks to their friends and the public in general for the liberal support received since they commenced at their established stand, on Main street, Lexington—where they continue to manufacture, and have now on hand

A large and elegant assortment of gentlemen's

Boots & Shoes,

Made of the best Philadelphia leather in the newest fashion—ALSO,

Ladies Shoes,

of the neatest and latest fashion. All of which they offer at wholesale or retail.

Lexington, K. Nov. 8, 1813—45-tf

Pork and Beef wanted.

THE Subscriber wishes to purchase about 400 large corn-fed fat HOGS and 200 small fed BEVERES.—He will commence taking in the Hogs about ten days before Christmas. They must be neatly slaughtered and cleaned, and perfectly cool before put into the wagons to bring to market. He will give the highest price in Cash. He will begin to take in the Bevers about the 1st of January next. They will be received on foot, and \$4 for 100 lbs. given for the nett beef.

JAMES MORRISON, N. & K.

Lexington, Nov. 13, 1813. 46-tf

Attention.

ALL Officers now on the recruiting service attached to the 28th Regt. U. S. Infantry, will march what recruits they may have to the general rendezvous at Lexington, Ky. and hold themselves in readiness to join their regiment, now in winter quarters at Detroit.

THOS. DYE OWINGS,

Col. 28th Regt. U. S. Infantry.

Lexington, Nov. 24, 1813. 48-tf

FOR SALE.

110 Acres of first rate Land,
Four miles and a half from Lexington. For particulars enquire of

JAMES DEVERS.

Lexington, Dec. 13, 1813. 50-tf

To Journeymen

CABINET-MAKERS.

WANTED immediately, three or four Journeymen, to whom the highest wages, in Cash, will be given, and constant employment. None need apply but those that are good workmen.

JAMES MEGOWAN.

Lexington, Nov. 23, 1813. 47-tf

Coach and Harness Making.

ASHTON, BEACH & NEILL

CARRY on the above business on Main-Cross street, and flatter themselves from their experience in the first shops in New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, to be able to finish their work in a style not inferior to any here-toe finished in the western country. Orders respectfully solicited.

Lexington, December 6, 1813. 49-tf

Kentucky Farmers' ALMANAC,

For the year 1814,

Just Published and for sale at this Office.

THE highest price in CASH will be given for

FLAX SEED,

delivered at our shop in Lexington, next door to Oliver Keene.

Downing & Grant.

N. B. We have a quantity of LINSEED OIL for sale.

July 12, 1813. 28-tf

REMOVAL.

J. P. SCHATZEL has removed from his late stand to the third house above the Insurance Company, on Main Street, nearly opposite the Post Office, where he has still on hand and offers for sale, wholesale, a pretty general assortment of

DRY GOODS, HARDWARE &c.

N. ORLEANS SUGAR, by the hhd. or bbl.

SUGAR HOUSE MOLASSES, by the bbl.

8 CEBROON'S SPANISH INDIGO,

10,000 wt. ROLL BRIMSTONE,

PEPPER, PIMENTO, GINGER,

MINDER, ALLIUM, COPPERAS

GUN POWDER, IMPERIAL &

YOUNG HYSON TEA,

MADEIRA WINE.

33- Lexington, Aug. 16, 1813.

Vaucluse Academy

I PURPOSE resuming my school on the first Monday in Nov.—Students from a distance can be accommodated with board in the neighborhood, and at my house. The English, Latin and Greek languages, with science in its different departments, will be taught as the progress of the students may require. Should I meet with sufficient encouragement, a set of Maps and Globes, will be procured, to facilitate the study of Geography, and Astronomy.

J. MOORE.

Vaucluse, two miles from Lexington.

October, 9th, 1813. 41-tf

SLATE IRON WORKS.

THE FURNACE is now in full blast, making from three to four tons a day.

Orders forwarded shall be executed with neatness and dispatch, patterns forwarded to my Iron Store in Lexington, will meet a ready conveyance to the Works.

MARIA FORGE

Is also now at work—all the fires are well-manned and making iron of a superior quality.

SLATE FORGE

Is also in high operation, and making a ton per day.

A constant supply of iron will be kept at my store in Lexington of a quality not inferior to any made in the United States, and will be warranted as such by

THOMAS DEYE OWINGS.

Lexington, 10th Dec. 1813.

TO RENT,

A comfortable Brick House,

On Main street—enquire of

J. L. DOWNING.

Jan. 10, 1814. 2-tf

DR. PINDELL takes the liberty of informing the citizens of Lexington and vicinity, that he has recommended the practice of PHYSIC, SURGERY, MIDWIFERY, &c. and may be consulted at all times, at his Shop, situated on Main Street, next door to Mr. Whitneys, and nearly opposite Mr. Postlethwait's Tavern.

DOCTOR WALTER BRASHEAR

HAS just taken up his residence in Lexington, and will practice Medicine & Surgery in conjunction with Doctor E. Warfield.

Calls on them at their shop will be particularly attended to by one or the other of them.

19-ti May 10, 1813.

TOBACCO.

R. H. MACNAIR wishes to purchase a quantity of Inspected Crop TOBACCO, if application be made in a short time.

1—8t. January 1, 1814.

Boarding.

PETER L. ROBERT, will keep boarders in the house lately occupied by Mr. Robert McGowan, on Main street, between the stores of Humphreys and Morton, and Thomas D. Owings.

Lexington, September 13, 1813.

RICHARD MARSH

RESPECTFULLY informs the public, that he has removed to the upper part of the Theatre, where he continues to make and repair Umbrellas as usual.

October 22, 1813. 43-tf

J. H. & L. HAWKINS

Have just received from Philadelphia a large assortment of

GOODS.

They were well laid in at cash prices, and will be sold low for cash.

They have for sale about \$5000 worth goods by the Piece or Package.

Best COTTON, by the bale.

COFFEE, by the barrel.

TEAS, by the box.

A general assortment of GROCERIES

Give Cash for Feathers and Linsey.

In addition to our present stock of goods, have just received an elegant assortment of Lovett Silks and Satins, of all colours, for Lady's Pelices and Dresses.

November 8, 1813. 45

THE HIGHEST PRICE IN CASH

GIVEN FOR

FLAX OR HEMP SEED.

JOHN BOBB

Lexington, Nov. 23, 1813. 37-tf

THE

Subscriber having purchased the es-

tabishment of WM. Lane, & Co. formerly J. & D. Macconn, also the stock of Geo. Trotter, sen. will sell by wholesale and retail upon advantageous terms. Retail Mer-

chants from the adjacent towns will find it to their interest to call on him, goods of all de-

scriptions being much higher in Philadelphia than they can be sold for here.

He offers the property he now occupies, at

3, 6, 9, 12, 15, and 18 months, approved nego-

tiable paper—either altogether, or in lots of

33 feet each, as may suit the purchaser.

T. H. PINDELL.

Lexington, Dec. 27, 1813. 52-tf

THE HIGHEST PRICE IN CASH

GIVEN FOR

WATER-rotted Hemp,

Delivered at John Hart's rope-walk.

R. MEGOWAN & Co.

Lexington, Dec. 6, 1813. 49-tf

THE TAILORING BUSINESS

IS carried on by the subscriber on Main

street, next door to Holloway, Bain & Steel's

Hat Manufactory—where every attention will

be given to those who may favour me with

their work.

JAMES DEVERS.

December 6, 1813. 47-tf

Fifteen Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the subscriber in Oct.

last, living in Jefferson county, (Ky.) a

Negro Man, named

STEPHEN.

Formerly belonged to James Beaty, near Lexington—he is 23 years old and about 5 feet 6

or 7 inches high, well-made and tolerable black,

and can write his own pass. I expect he is se-

creted about or near Lexington—Any person

taking up said negro and putting him in any

jail in this state and giving me information by

post or otherwise, so that I can get him, shall